

Washington, DC – Later today, the House is expected to vote on an emergency border security supplemental act sponsored by Congressman Harry Teague. The package, introduced yesterday, would provide critical border security resources stripped out of the Supplemental Appropriations Act by the Senate. Teague introduced HR 5875 to help keep drug violence in Mexico from spilling over in to the United States and to combat illegal trafficking activities across our border.

The legislation mirrors funding originally passed by the House in the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010, before being eliminated from the legislation by the Senate. The package bolsters funding for border security efforts, including additional Border Patrol agents and other border enforcement officials, additional resources for local law enforcement agencies located near the border, new forward operating bases for the Border Patrol in New Mexico's Bootheel, and more law enforcement resources to fight drug smuggling and the spillover of drug violence into the U.S.

The introduction of the legislation follows a [letter](#), authored by Teague, Rodriguez and Giffords, sent to House leadership earlier this week calling for work with Senate leaders to reinstate the border security funding and inclusion of the package in any supplemental appropriations legislation for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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The standalone surge package would provide:

- 1,200 additional Border Patrol agents deployed between the ports of entry along the Southwest Border.
- 500 additional officers at ports of entry along the Southwest Border and funding to maintain current Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer staffing levels.
- New tactical communications equipment and infrastructure on the Southwest Border, three permanent Border Patrol forward operating bases, and a surge of workforce integrity

investigations designed to prevent corruption among CBP officers and agents.

- \$50 million for Operation Stonegarden grants to support local law enforcement activities on the border.
- Two additional CBP unmanned aircraft systems.
- \$30 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement activities directed at reducing the threat of narcotics smuggling and associated violence.
- \$201 million for Justice Department programs, as requested.

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